

tissue. The objective of the proposed investigation is to determine the functional GABA-A receptor action along the dendrites and somal regions of CA1 pyramidal and interneuron cells in the rat hippocampus. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 12, 1998.*

Docket Number: 98-018. Applicant: Emory University, Department of Neurology, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model H-7500. Manufacturer: Hitachi Scientific Instruments, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for experiments involving the localization of markers of neuronal circuits, the subcellular localization of proteins playing a functional role in brain function or in brain diseases and the examination of changes in the brain that occur in animal models of neurodegenerative disorders. The objectives of the experiments are to learn more about brain circuitry and pharmacology and to help characterize key proteins involved in brain function or disease. The instrument will also be used for educational purposes in training of undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students in the use of electron microscopy for neuroscience research. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 13, 1998.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 98-C0009]

In the Matter of Monarch Towel Company, Inc., a Domestic Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement under the Flammable Fabric Act.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Flammable Fabric Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1605.13. Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Monarch Towel Company, Inc., a Domestic Corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$10,000. **DATES:** Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this

agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by April 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 98-C0009, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

Consent Order Agreement

Monarch Towel Company, Inc., a domestic corporation, (hereinafter, "Respondent"), enters into this Consent Order Agreement (hereinafter, "Agreement") with the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission") pursuant to the procedures for Consent Order Agreements contained in 16 CFR 1605.13 of the Commission's Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 16 CFR 1605.13.

This Consent Order Agreement is for the sole purpose of settling allegations of the staff (a) that Respondent violated section 3(a) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a) and the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear (hereinafter, "Standards"), 16 CFR Parts 1615 and 1616, as more fully set forth in the Complaint accompanying this Agreement; and (b) that Respondent knowingly violated section 3(a) of the FFA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a) and the Standards.

Respondent and the Staff Agree

1. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has jurisdiction in this matter under the following Acts: Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*), Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*), and the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*).

2. Respondent Monarch Towel Company, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with its principal place of business located at 737 Cortlandt Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

3. Respondent is now and has been engaged in one or more of the following: the manufacture for sale, the sale, or the offering for sale, in commerce, or the importation, delivery for introduction, transportation in commerce, or the sale or delivery after sale or shipment in commerce, of a product, fabric, or related material which is subject to the requirements of the Flammable Fabrics Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*, and the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear, 16 CFR Parts 1615 and 1616.

4. Respondent denies the allegations of the Complaint that it violated section 3(a) of the FFA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a) and the Standards.

5. Respondent denies that it knowingly violated section 3(a) of the FFA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1192(a) and the Standards.

6. This Agreement is entered into for the purposes of settlement only and does not constitute a determination by the Commission that Respondent (a) violated or (b) knowingly violated the FFA and the Standards.

7. Respondent, its successors and assigns, agents, representatives, and employees, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other business entity, or through any agency, device or instrumentality agree to cease and desist from the manufacture for sale, the sale, or the offering for sale, in commerce, or the importation into the United States, or the introduction, delivery for introduction, transportation or causing to be transported, in commerce, or the sale or delivery after a sale or shipment in commerce, children's sleepwear that fails to comply with the flammability requirements of the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear, 16 CFR Parts 1615 and 1616.

8. Respondent agrees to pay in settlement of the staff's allegations a civil penalty of \$10,000 as set forth in the incorporated Order.

9. This Agreement does not constitute an admission by Respondent that a civil penalty is appropriate.

10. This Agreement becomes effective only upon its final acceptance by the Commission and service of the incorporated Order upon Respondent.

11. Upon final acceptance of this Consent Order Agreement by the Commission and issuance of the Final Order, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter (a) to an administrative or judicial hearing, (b) to judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Commission's actions (c) to a determination by the Commission as to

whether Respondent failed to comply with the Flammable Fabrics Act as aforesaid, (d) to a statement of findings and fact and conclusions of law, and (e) to any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

12. Violation of the provisions of the Order may subject Respondent to a civil and/or criminal penalty for such violation, as prescribed by law.

13. For purposes of section 6(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2055(b), this matter shall be treated as if a complaint had been issued; and the Commission may publicize the terms of the Consent Agreement.

14. Agreements, understandings, representations, or interpretations made outside the Consent Order Agreement may not be used to vary or to contradict its terms.

15. Upon acceptance of this Agreement, the Commission shall issue the following Order incorporated herein by reference.

Respondent Monarch Towel Company, Inc.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Berenice Chadowitz,

Chief Executive Officer, Monarch Towel Company, Inc., 737 Cortlandt Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Ashley Chadowitz,

President and General Counsel, Monarch Towel Company, Inc., 737 Cortlandt Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Commission Staff

Alan H. Schoem,

Assistant Executive Director, Office of Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001.

Eric L. Stone,

Director, Legal Division, Office of Compliance.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Dennis C. Kacoyanis,

Trial Attorney, Legal Division, Office of Compliance.

Order

Upon consideration of the Agreement of the parties.

I

It is hereby ordered that Respondent, its successors and assigns, agents, representatives, and employees, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other business entity, or through any agency, device or instrumentality, do forthwith cease and desist from the manufacture for sale, the sale, or the offering for sale, in commerce, or the importation into the United States, or the introduction, delivery for introduction, transportation or causing to be transported, in

commerce, or the sale or delivery after a sale or shipment in commerce, children's sleepwear that fails to comply with the flammability requirements of the Standards for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear, 16 CFR Parts 1615 and 1616.

II

It is further ordered that Respondent pay to the United States Treasury a civil penalty of *ten thousand dollars* (\$10,000.000) within twenty (20) days after service upon Respondent of the Final Order.

III

It is further ordered that Respondent notify the Commission within 30 days following the consummation of the sale of a majority of its stock or following a change in any of its corporate officers responsible for compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

By direction of the Commission, this Consent Order Agreement is provisionally accepted pursuant to 16 CFR 1605.13, and shall be placed on the public record, and the Secretary is directed to publish the provisional acceptance of the Consent Order Agreement in the Commission's Public Calendar and in the **Federal Register**.

So ordered by the Commission, this 26th day of March, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology (Industrial Affairs and Installations).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology (Industrial Affairs and Installations) announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology (Industrial Affairs and Installations), ATTN: Ms. Katie Smith, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 205, Arlington, VA 22202-2884.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Katie Smith (703) 604-2400.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Military Base Reuse Status, DD Form 2740, OMB Number 0790-0003.

Needs and Uses: See Supplementary Information below.

Affected Public: All base closure communities and the general public.

Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: Semi-annual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), DoD funds are provided to communities for economic adjustment planning in response to closures of military installations. A measure of program evaluation is the monitoring of civilian job creation and type of redevelopment at the former military installations. The respondents to the semi-annual survey will generally include a single point of contact at the local level who is responsible for overseeing redevelopment efforts. If this data is not collected, OEA would have no accurate, timely information regarding the civilian reuse of former military bases. A key function of the economic adjustment program is to encourage private sector use of lands and buildings to generate jobs as military activity diminishes and to serve as a clearinghouse for reuse data.